

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to recite --the acrylate content in the copolymer of ethylene is 10% - 35% by weight--. This amendment is supported by original claim 7 and general knowledge in the art.

In the cable industry, it is understood that ingredients are given either in parts as shown in the Examples, or in % by weight. Further, in the present specification, all of the percentages in the specification are given in terms of weight percentages (e.g., the copolymer content of 1 to 8% by weight). Therefore, it is reasonable to understand that the percentage of 10%-35% (the acrylate content) is also given as a weight percentage.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite --10% - 35% by weight-- and for clarity.

Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-6 and 8 will be all the claims pending in the application.

The specification has been objected to as allegedly lacking antecedent basis for the phrase "each with a copolymer content of 10%-35%" as recited in the claims.

In response, Applicants have in the Amendment, amended the specification to incorporate this feature. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection.

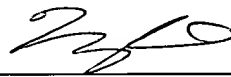
Claims 1-6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are in compliance with the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for the following reasons.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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